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Applicant : Paul R. Sharps, *et al.*  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Response to June 17, 2004 Office Action**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

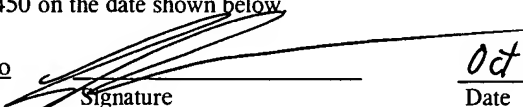
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Drawing Figures** are described on page 20 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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